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Lester Snow, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Snow:

The Select Committee on CALFED is scheduling more hearings on the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. I'm advising you now to allow time to research and collect certain information to present to the committee.

Many state and federal agencies have developed their own plans and/or programs that contain goals and objectives very similar to those of CALFED. These proposals, in various degrees, focus on land acquisition, water resources, wetland and riparian habitat restoration and private land use restrictions. Undoubtedly you are aware of these and other efforts but let me cite as examples several brought to my attention:

- 1) State Water Resource Control Board's EIR that potentially modifies water rights to meet the objectives of the Bay/Delta Plan;
- 2) Board of Reclamation's PEIS to comply with the mandates of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA);
- 3) The North American Waterfowl Management Plan;
- 4) U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service San Joaquin Valley Recovery Plan;
- 5) Central Valley Joint Venture Implementation Plan;

- 6) Central Valley Project Improvement Act Land Retirement Program;
- 7) The State Department of Water Resources West Delta Water Management Program;
- 8) San Joaquin Valley Drainage Relief Act;
- 9) National Marine Fisheries Service designation of a 300 foot critical habitat on main stream water ways;
- 10) U.S. Army Corp of Engineers proposed plan relative to wetlands;
- 11) U.S. Department of Agriculture California Unified Watershed Assessment;
- 12) Department of Fish and Game Sacramento River Wildlife Area Management Plan;
- 13) The Clean Water Action Plan by Natural Resources Conservation Services;
- 14) The U.S. Department of Interior Central Valley Realty Program; and
- 15) The Bureau of Land Management's Land Exchange Program.

In your testimony, do not limit yourself to just these plans and please be prepared to discuss:

- 1) How all these plans dove tail with the goals and objectives of the CALFED program;
- 2) The range of total acreage involved if all plans are implemented;
- 3) The total increase of water savings or consumption by converting land to wetland habitat;
- 4) The total economic impacts to California's agriculture industry including the direct farm-gate revenues and allied industries losses.

I suggest that visual aides such as charts and maps would be most helpful. Please contact my office if you have any questions regarding my request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Maurice Johannessen", followed by a horizontal line.

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